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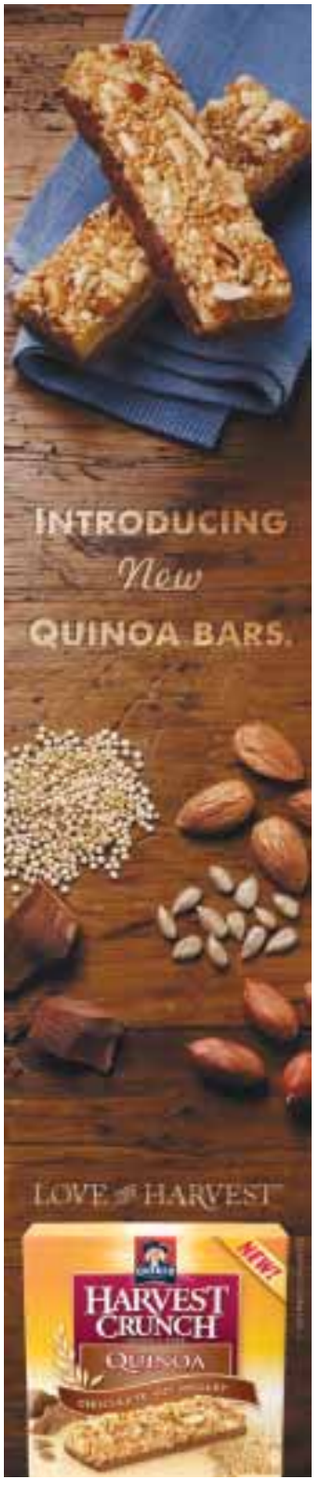

Entomologist buzzing off

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Wolseley deaths ruled suspicious

Members of the city police identification and homicide units investigate after two bodies were discovered in a home on Chestnut Street. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

'Sketchy.' Neighbour said fights, shouting often heard coming from rooming house

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Winnipeg police are investigating after two bodies were found at a Wolseley-area rooming house early Wednesday.

Police had Chestnut Street blocked off between Honey and Preston avenues since just before 8 a.m., when officers were called to the rooming house at 210 Chestnut St. for a report of two deceased occupants.

While members of the Homicide Unit are investigating, police spokesperson Const. Jason Michalyshen would only call the deaths suspicious Wednesday afternoon.

"Because members of the Homicide Unit are involved, to make the assumption that we're dealing with a criminal offence might be taking a bit of a leap," he said. "Right now we don't know and we have not confirmed the circumstances."

Police could be seen canvassing neighbours' houses in the morning, and Michalyshen said the age and genders of the deceased would not be released until investigators finish their interviews.

"We just want to be very careful, and ensure that none of those interviews are influenced," he explained.

Michalyshen wouldn't say whether the two deceased lived in the house, which one neighbour told Metro has a "sketchy" reputation.

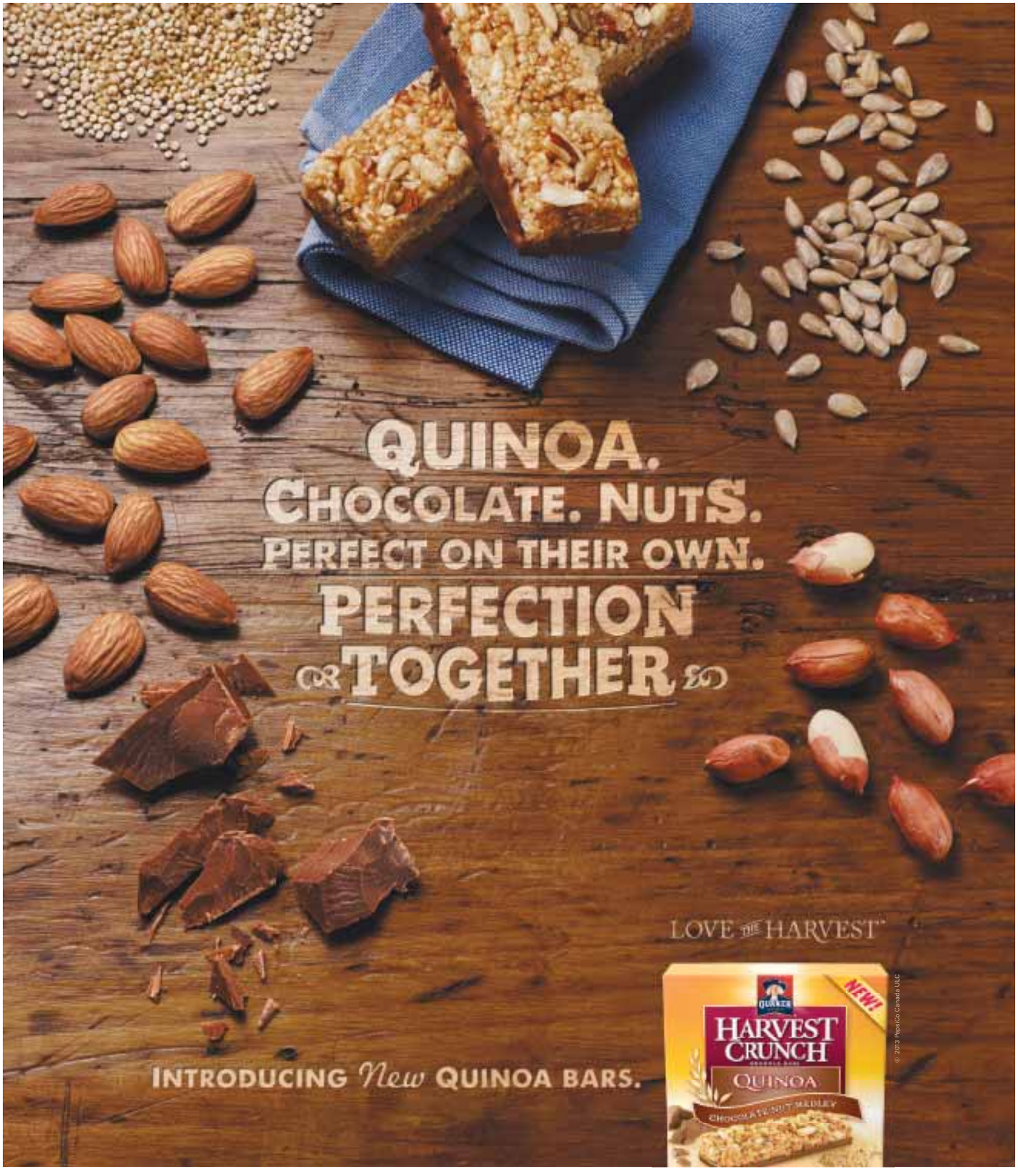
Noisy happenings

"There's just general nonsense going on."

Neighbour George Penner, on the history of the home being investigated.

"There's been fights, but usually you'll just hear shouting because someone has gotten evicted," said George Penner, who lives just a few houses down from the scene.

Michalyshen said police would release more information today.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Alleged abuse

Mennonites look to court to get children back

Members of an old-order Manitoba Mennonite community are a step closer to regaining custody of their children but say they don't understand why they were taken in the first place.

Eighteen children from the orthodox community were seized from their parents in June after 13 people from the community were charged with child abuse.

Ten parents were in court Wednesday hoping to get their children back. The adults said they agreed to guidelines set out by Child and Family Services but were told they won't get the children back before their next court date in October.

The families, who spoke for the first time outside court, said they miss their children and are worried they are losing touch with their beliefs.

"We'd like to have our children back tomorrow," said one father of four kids. "We, as of today, are unclear why they were taken."

One mother said her son celebrated his first birthday Tuesday, but she wasn't allowed to see him.

"I don't know if they even knew that his birthday was yesterday," she said.

In July, RCMP said they had arrested 13 people on various assault charges that included allegations that the children were struck with cattle prods, whips and leather straps.

The identities of the children are protected under a publication ban. The Canadian Press is not naming the accused or the small community where they live.

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Taz Stuart. Entomologist gone from top-swatter job

Winnipeg needs a new entomologist after an official confirmed Taz Stuart is no longer employed by the city.

Stuart, known for his curly brown locks and his candidness when speaking about Winnipeg's pesky mosquitoes, had occupied the role of entomologist since 2004. He was hired away from Regina.

Steve West of the city's corporate-communications division said in an email to Metro: "I can confirm that Taz Stuart is no longer an employee of the City of Winnipeg."

Coun. Jenny Gerbasi said Stuart's departure is a mystery to her.

"It is a great loss to the city, as Taz was highly knowledgable, ethical and always professional," said Gerbasi in an email to Metro.

BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Crime. U.S. fugitive caught near Winnipeg, RCMP say

The manhunt for an American man on the lam in southern Manitoba since Saturday, after he allegedly sped over the border with U.S. authorities hot on his trail, is over.

Headingley RCMP and police dogs tracked the 29-year-old from Fargo, N.D., in a treed area near St. Francis Xavier in the RM of Cartier around 4 p.m. Monday, after neighbours noticed him near their homes and called police.

The man was arrested without incident and remains in custody while the investigation continues with the help of the Canada Border Services Agency.

Manitoba RCMP had been looking for him since shortly after noon on Saturday, when a stolen Chevrolet Lumina with North Dakota plates sped over the border crossing at Lena Port. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Hydro deals questioned

Dams. Taxpayers' group wants full disclosure from provincial utility after papers reveal some costs of negotiating agreements with First Nations

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation is calling on Manitoba Hydro to publicly release details of power dam negotiations with First Nations after documents show the Crown corporation spent nearly $75,000 on a signing ceremony with Tataskweyak Cree Nation when the two inked a deal to build the proposed Keeyask Dam.

Some figures in the documents, obtained through freedom-of-information requests, were blacked out with a marker but could still be read, and they show a similar ceremony at War Lake cost around $7,000.

"There's a whole industry just feeding on this ability to hand in the bills into Hydro and get them paid," said CTF's Prairie director, Colin Craig, noting Hydro has spent $224 million negotiating deals over the last decade or so to build three power dams and the Bipole III transmission line.

"We're glad that they chose the wrong type of black marker but we're disappointed overall that Hydro does take a black marker to this type of information."

Of the four projects, only one — the Wuskwatim Dam — has been completed, and Craig is concerned that Hydro has refused requests from his organization to see exactly how the $224 million has been spent.

"It's the type of expense that should be available to the public.... Ultimately we want people to contact the provincial auditor to get that office to look into these expenses."

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Consultant expenses

The CTF says the documents also show Tataskweyak Cree Nation went over Hydro's $250-per-hour cap for the cost of consultants, leaving the band council on the hook for the extra costs.

Colin Craig, Prairie director for the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, holds a large copy of a document obtained from Manitoba Hydro that he says shows the Crown corporation needs to come clean about the money it's spending negotiating power dam deals with First Nations. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Winnipeg man's stand against grass-mowing bylaw hits a few snags

Richard Hykawy says he wants to set a legal precedent for every Canadian who is forced to cut grass or clear snow from city property adjacent to their home — a situation he calls worse than slavery.

"Back in the day, slaves were kept. They were clothed, maybe not well. They were fed, maybe not well. But they were provided equipment and given what they needed to (perform) the work," Hykawy said Wednesday outside a Winnipeg court.

"In the case of the city, we're not clothed, we're not fed."

Hykawy is struggling to launch a challenge under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. He has refused for the last few years to mow the grass on a strip of city property next to his suburban house, which sits on a corner lot in the well-to-do Island Lakes neighbourhood. He has been fined hundreds of dollars, in part to cover the cost of mowing performed by city workers.

The military veteran, in his late 40s, argues that the city's bylaw requiring homeowners to maintain property they do not own amounts to forced labour and a violation of his rights.

"The city should mow it themselves. It's their property."

Hykawy faces an uphill battle in court. He has chosen to represent himself instead of hiring a lawyer.

Justice Donald Bryk told Hykawy on Wednesday he had not filled out his affidavit correctly and had included a lot of "irrelevant" statements.

"It's more of an editorialization ... than setting out facts within your knowledge," said the Court of Queen's Bench judge.

Slave comment

Richard Hykawy conceded to reporters Wednesday that his suburban lifestyle is not comparable to that of a slave.

- He said he used the analogy in part for its "shock value."

Hykawy had also failed to notify the provincial and federal governments that he is launching a challenge under the charter. Bryk postponed the case to give Hykawy time to file the required paperwork. No date was set for the next hearing.

Hykawy said he might change his mind and hire a lawyer, but he appears to enjoy fighting city hall on his own.

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Coun. Brian Mayes (St. Vital) gets a shoeshine from U of M Shinerama committee co-ordinator Austin Coombes. JARED STORY/METRO

Shinerama kicks off

10 months campaign. Students ready to shine for charity

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"What would you do with 10 months?" is the slogan of the 2013 Shinerama campaign, a nationwide charity that raises money for Cystic Fibrosis Canada.

In 1964 — the year Shinerama originated – less than one in five Canadian children with cystic fibrosis would live to age three. Now, the average lifespan is over 40.

"Ever year we add on average 10 months to the lifespan of someone living with CF," Austin Coombes, the University of Manitoba's Shinerama committee co-ordinator, said before a press conference at city hall on Wednesday.

"We really want people to think about what they would do with an extra 10 months and how they feel about potentially giving someone that extra 10 months to live."

Cystic fibrosis is a genetic disorder that affects most critically the lungs, as well as the digestive system.

Coombes, 19, says the U of M's Shinerama team hopes to raise $40,000 for CF research and care this year. In 2012, more than 60 Canadian universities and colleges took part in Shinerama, raising more than $1 million.

Put your feet up

- U of M's Shine Day takes place next Wednesday, with shoe-shining services at Fort Garry Campus and various spots throughout Winnipeg.
- To donate, go to umanitoba.ca/shinerama.

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U.S. Senate panel votes for use of force in Syria

10-7 in favour.
President's push for military strike after alleged chemical-weapons attack gains steam in Congress

U.S. President Barack Obama's request for speedy congressional backing of a military strike in Syria advanced in the Senate on Wednesday, hours after the president left open the possibility he would order retaliation for a deadly chemical weapons attack even if Congress withheld its approval.

A resolution backing the use of force against President Bashar Assad's government cleared the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on a 10-7 vote after it was stiffened at the last minute to include a pledge of support for "decisive changes to the present military balance of power" in Syria's civil war. It would rule out U.S. combat operations on the ground.

The measure is expected to reach the Senate floor next week, although the timetable for a vote is uncertain.

The support seen in the Senate will be harder to find in the Republican-controlled House of Representatives, which is also reviewing Obama's request, though its timetable is even less certain. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Against unilateralism

Putin might support UN call for strike

Russian President Vladimir Putin has warned the West against taking one-sided action in Syria but said Russia "doesn't exclude" supporting a UN resolution on punitive military strikes if it is proved that Syria used poison gas on its own people. Putin expressed hope that he and Obama would discuss Syria and other issues at the G-20 summit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Syrian refugees gather at the Turkish Cilvegozu gate border on Wednesday.
GREGORIO BORGIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ariel Castro. Suicide spurs review of Ohio prison

The man who kidnapped three young women and repeatedly raped them in his Ohio home for nearly a decade hanged himself in his cell, prison officials said Wednesday.

Ariel Castro, 53, last month was sentenced to life in prison plus 1,000 years after his guilty plea in one of the most sensational criminal cases in recent U.S. history.

While in jail before his conviction, Castro was taken off suicide watch in June after authorities determined he was not a risk. An autopsy showed the death was a suicide.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio asked the prison system to conduct a full investigation. State Prison Director Gary Mohr ordered a review of Castro's medical and mental-health treatment and the circumstances surrounding his suicide. He said the state police were also investigating.
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Water plant's woes not a drop in the bucket: Automation's soaked

Calgary flood aftermath.
Treated water may be substandard because important facility is in 'manual mode'

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Calgary's largest wastewater treatment facility is operating in "manual mode" due to damage from … water.

Because of the damage from June's flood, there's a "very high risk" that the plant will send treated water to the Bow River that doesn't meet provincial standards, a city report says.

"We've basically stepped back 30 years in time," said Kevin Colbran, manager of the Bonnybrook Wastewater Treatment Plant.

"We have the brain of our control system, but all of the field devices and cabling that sent the information to that brain were toasted in the flood."

As a result, employees have to visually monitor things such as water levels and dissolved oxygen levels in the plant's tanks and then manually turn valves to adjust flow levels and keep the treatment processes in order.

"It's more challenging," Colbran said.

"These plants are pretty complex now. They're designed with automation in mind, not manual operation."

It also takes a lot longer, he added, since employees have to travel from one part of the 50-acre site to another to make observations, then make adjustments and then double-check.

Bonnybrook operations leader Robert Kotch stands above one of the facility's clarifiers, which staff must now monitor and adjust manually after June floodwaters damaged automation systems. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

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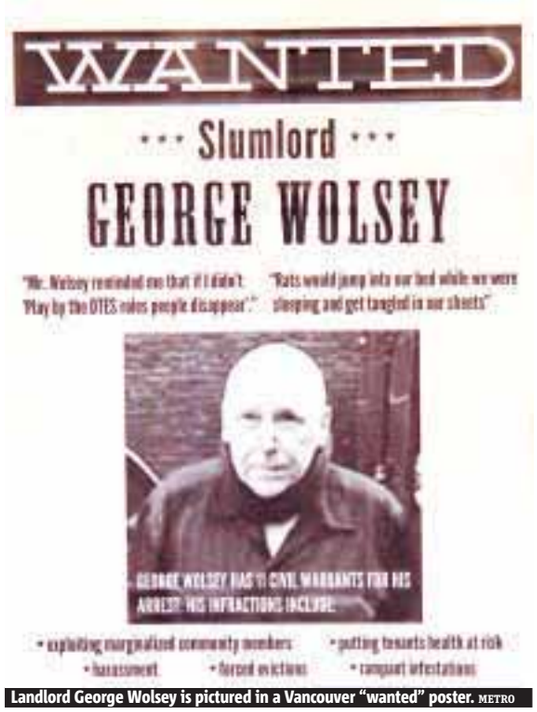
Landlord on the run?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GEORGE WOLSEY HAS 11 CIVIL WARRANTS FOR HIS ARREST. HIS INFRACTIONS INCLUDE:
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• putting tenants health at risk
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• rampant infestations

Landlord George Wolsey is pictured in a Vancouver "wanted" poster. METRO

'Heartless S.O.B.'

B.C. court orders George Wolsey's arrest over $18,163 debt

EMILY JACKSON
Metro in Vancouver

Notorious Downtown Eastside landlord George Wolsey is officially a wanted man after refusing to pay thousands in damages to former tenants of his dilapidated buildings.

The B.C. provincial court ordered 10 warrants for Wolsey's arrest on Tuesday after he repeatedly failed to show up in court to address his $18,163.75 debt to 10 former residents of the Wonder and Palace hotels, the Pivot Legal Society announced at a news conference Wednesday.

It's a paltry sum for a man who sold the two cockroach-and-bedbug-infested single-room-occupancy hotels in Vancouver's poorest neighbourhood for about $4 million in 2012.

Court action happened after the city issued an injunction forcing him to repair the buildings, which didn't have functional fire escapes.

"He's a heartless S.O.B.," former resident Stephen Freeman told reporters, adding Wolsey evicted him from his mouse-ridden room for buying methadone from a different pharmacist.

Wolsey, a Langley, B.C., resident who had his pharmacist licence stripped in 2004 for forcing his tenants to fill their prescriptions through him, has seven days to turn himself in or Surrey, B.C., sheriff services will begin searching for him.

This is the first time a Vancouver landlord has faced arrest warrants, Pivot lawyer Douglas King said.

Quoted

"He's a tyrant, period."

Stephen Freeman, who says he was evicted by George Wolsey

Tory tome. Hockey's in his blood, so PM pens a hockey history book

Stephen Harper can soon add another line to his resumé — published author.

The prime minister's book on the history of hockey is set to hit store shelves Nov. 5.

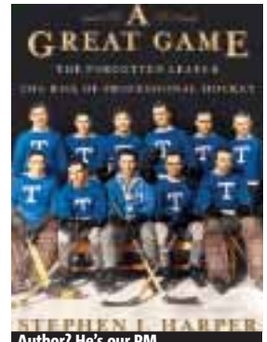
A Great Game: The Forgotten Leafs and the Rise of Professional Hockey looks at the early years of the game.

It will also feature photos of famous arenas and the game's earliest star players.

"Drawing on extensive archival records and illustrations, histories of the sport, and newspaper files, A Great Game delves into the fascinating early years of ice hockey," publisher Simon & Schuster Canada said Wednesday.

"It tells of the hockey heroes and hard-boiled businessmen who built the game, and the rise and fall of legendary teams pursuing the Stanley Cup."

Harper has spent years on the book, reportedly setting aside a few minutes each day to work on it.



Author? He's our PM.
THE CANADIAN PRESS/SIMON & SCHUSTER

The prime minister is known to be a giant hockey fan and regularly attends NHL games — although the Toronto-born Harper remains coy about his favourite team.

All Harper's proceeds from the sale of the book will go to the Canadian Forces Personnel and Family Support Services.

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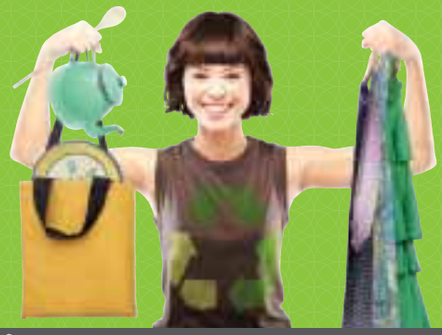

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It don't matter if you're black or white. N-word is offensive regardless of who says it: Court

The lawyer for a black U.S. woman whose claim against a black boss's N-word rant brought a $280,000 jury award says she hopes the case teaches society something.

"It's the most offensive word in the English language," attorney Marjorie M. Sharpe said Tuesday.

A jury sided with 38-year-old Brandi Johnson against the boss, Rob Carmona, in a case that explored a word that is a degrading slur when spoken by whites but at times is used affectionately among blacks, even in the workplace.

Johnson said she hopes the word now "won't be tolerated no matter what your race is."

Carmona, a 61-year-old black man of Puerto Rican descent, had testified that he was dispensing tough love. "I come from a different time," he said in court Tuesday.

He had tried to defend his use of the word, saying it had "multiple contexts" in the black and Latino communities, sometimes indicating anger, sometimes love.

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The two Koreas

Can't we just forget about those nuclear threats and co-host?

South Korea has rejected Pyongyang's suggestion that a North Korean ski resort could be used for events at the 2018 Winter Olympics.

The organizing committee for the games in Pyeongchang says that North Korea's offer is unrealistic.

The committee's statement on Wednesday comes after a North Korean IOC official told the Voice of America broadcaster on Tuesday that it is possible to use the North Korean ski resort for Olympic events when it's completed.

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Just watch this become the must-have gift of the season

A model touches the screen of a Samsung Galaxy Gear smartwatch in Berlin, Wednesday. MICHAEL SOHN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wearable computing. Samsung unveils smartwatch in race to beat Apple for this year's most-coveted gadget

Samsung unveiled its highly anticipated digital wristwatch Wednesday, beating Apple to what could become this year's must-have holiday gift item.

So-called smartwatches, which can perform tasks such as displaying email and Twitter messages on a device worn around the wrist, have been around for several years but have failed so far to inspire great interest among ordinary consumers. But with smartphone behemoths Samsung Electronics Co. and Apple Inc. joining the fray — and Google pushing its Google Glass gadget — experts see a chance of wearable computers breaking into the mainstream.

That is, if consumers can get used to talking to their watch, secret-agent style.

"With Gear you're able to make calls and receive calls, without ever taking your phone out of your pocket," Pranav Mistry, a member of Samsung's design team, told reporters at the launch in Berlin ahead of the annual IFA consumer electronics show there.

The Gear uses Google's Android operating system, just like many other devices made by Samsung. The South Korean electronics company said the Gear can act as an extension to a smartphone by discreetly alerting users to incoming messages and calls on its display screen. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Is it really such a big deal?

"Smartwatches haven't had the best track record."

Ramon Llamas, an analyst at research firm IDC, who is skeptical that so-called wearable computers will be a success.

Leon's staff fired after black statue is hanged

Halifax. Furniture chain has let go 2 employees, offered diversity training over August incident

A Leon's Furniture outlet in Dartmouth, N.S., is apologizing and has provided staff with sensitivity and diversity training after firing two employees over the hanging of a black statue.

The furniture store says it fired the two workers after it conducted an investigation into the incident last month.

Leon's says the bronze statute with black patina was taped and hung to an office window. The statue was altered so its eyes and mouth were whitened.

The company did not return messages seeking comment. The incident was revealed by a former Leon's employee, who has lodged a complaint of racial discrimination with the provincial Human Rights Commission.

According to the CBC, Elsworth Bottomsley told the commission he quit after the statue lynching, which followed several other racially motivated incidents over the previous two years.

Another Leon's employee, who is also alleging racial discrimination by the furniture store, is seeking to introduce the statue lynching as evidence in her case.

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WITH FILES FROM METRO IN HALIFAX

Lobbying for a spot on your social calendar

Bartender Derek Simoes mixes drinks in the newly-redesigned bar during "social hour" at a Sheraton hotel in Seattle. Long treated as dead spaces that hotel guests raced through on the way to the elevator, lobbies are being transformed into places to work, surf the web or meet friends for a drink. Large, traditional hotels are spending billions on renovations to try to mimic the style and financial success of luxury and boutique hotels, which have always drawn free-spending crowds to their lobbies. Walls are being torn down to make lobbies feel less confined, communal tables are popping up and wine lists are being upgraded. ELAINE THOMPSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Halifax

Rain washes out N.S. booze sales

Nova Scotia Liquor is reporting a drop in sales and profits for the first quarter of this fiscal year, a decline it attributes in part to an increase in precipitation. The Crown corporation says it earned $57.1 million in profits during the first three months of fiscal 2013-14, about $1.4 million less than the same period last year.

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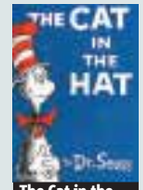
The logo of the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission THE CANADIAN PRESS

Publishing

Dr. Seuss classics go digital this fall



The Cat in the Hat SCREENGRAB

Make that the e-Cat in the Hat. Dozens of Dr. Seuss classics, including The Cat in the Hat and Green Eggs and Ham, will be available this fall for the first time as e-books. Random House Children's Books announced Wednesday that the first 15 will come out Sept. 24, followed by additional publications in October and November.

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Market Minute

DOLLAR 95.31¢ (+0.34¢)

Natural gas: $3.68 US (+1¢)
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TSX 12,757.81 (+17.31)

OIL $107.23 US (-$1.31)

GOLD $1,390 US (-$22)

Forget Craigslist: Call-in classifieds are alive and well in rural America

A man wants to sell a truck, and a woman wants to buy some tomatoes. In much of the world, they might turn to a computer to post ads online or flick through search results. But in some parts of rural America, they're just as likely to pick up the phone and call a local radio station.

Three times every weekday (and twice on Saturdays) people in western Arkansas call in to KARV's Dial-A-Trade, an audio adaptation of the classified ads. For an hour or so, callers explain what they're looking to buy, sell or trade. Then they leave their phone numbers. On live air. For free.

Some people who live here see the program as a public service, but to outsiders, it seems more like a time capsule, a relic from an era before commerce began migrating to the Internet.

Radio want-ad programs are neither new nor unique to Arkansas. For decades, scores of similar shows across the country have filled the airwaves with callers looking to buy and sell. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Do they take PayPal?

"We still have for sale quite a few of our laying hens.... We're the first driveway on the right."

Dolly Sinor, a caller to the Dial-A-Trade radio show in western Arkansas, who gave listeners directions to her home.

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NOT ALL TEACHERS ARE MADE EQUAL

HE SAYS

John Mazerolle
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Teachers, am I right?

In honour of the beginning of the school year, this was a test.

Did you respond to the mere mention of the profession with rage, fed up with union-protected whiners who don't realize how good they've got it, what with their summer break, free apples by the desk load and brightly coloured chalk?

Or did your eyes tear up at the very thought of these educational exemplars, the second most noble profession (just behind humour columnist), preparing The Leaders of Tomorrow despite the slings and spitballs of the Grocery Store Cashiers of Tomorrow?

Middle ground often seems like a no-man's land when it comes to the battle between pro- and anti-teacher camps.

People love labels. All of us do. It's so much easier than thinking. People can be racist. Some people are classist. Others are regionalist, deciding that 5.5 million people in the Greater Toronto Area are latte-quaffing liberals or that four million Albertans are cow-romancing conservatives — all mayoral election results to the contrary.

And some people are, uh, professionist. While teacher-bashing is more popular at the moment — teacher-praising seems reserved these days for teachers and their relatives — I've rarely heard an attempt at a balanced opinion. Educators are either heroes or heels, full stop.

Here's a hypothetical conversation:

"Must be nice to be done at three o'clock and get the whole summer off," says a teacher-hater.

"Teaching is the most important profession we have and in a just society, they'd be paid as much as doctors," says a teacher-lover.

"There are many excellent teachers who are making a real difference, yet there are some awful teachers who are protected too readily by their peers," says a third person, joining in.

"Kaboom!" go the heads of the other two, like characters in a violent video game being played in the back of a classroom as we speak.

Here's the thing: I remember a theatre arts teacher who gave us a taste of Macbeth and A Raisin in the Sun in a way that made us crave more, and I remember a French teacher who showed us Weekend at Bernie's. In English. Without subtitles.

The teaching profession is a mixed bag, just like every other profession except for astronauts and air-traffic controllers (one hopes). I choose to give individual teachers the benefit of the doubt until given reason not to.

After all, these are people who deal with classes packed tighter than a New York sidewalk, and often face junior high students without a chair and whip. And how does one deal with issues like bullying and burgeoning sexuality when, as I recall, all it takes to create chaos in a classroom is one stray bumblebee?

Last time I checked, teachers are people. Sorry to be so controversial.

ZOOM

Fish killed in polluted Chinese river

GETTY IMAGES

Factory blamed for ammonia leak

This was the scene on a 40-kilometre stretch of the Fuhe River in China after a chemical spill killed about 100,000 kilograms of fish, mainly chub, carp and snakehead. High levels of ammonia leaked into the river from a factory, and the owner has been ordered to stop operating.

The government claims the river is now cleared. **METRO**

Other animal tragedies

- 16,000 pigs were found floating in a Shanghai river this year.
- Also this year, 1,000 dead ducks were seen in the rivers of Sichuan province.
- Similar to now, more than 40,000 kilograms of fish were killed after the 2012 spill of toxic chemical cadmium in a Guangxi river.

Fishermen's losses

$11,400

The loss per day that local fishermen will suffer, which could have a devastating effect on the area's economy.

No comment from science company

The Hubei province environmental protection department, notified of the piles of dead fish on Monday, pointed the finger at local company Hubei Shuanghuan Science and Technology Stock Co. The company said it wasn't going to immediately comment.

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Darwin the Ikea monkey made his first public appearance Dec. 9, 2012.
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If you've ever tried to find an old tweet, you know that Twitter's search function is of lamentable quality — at best. Topsy, the social media analytic king, has now fixed that wee problem and indexed every tweet ever sent. Ever. That's about 425 billion pieces of content, according to The New York Times. So what can you do with this while companies figure how to get rich from it? Have fun playing a spirited game of first tweets.

Ikea monkey
Where did the first Ikea monkey tweet come from?

Bieber
What was his first tweet?

Trudeau and pot
Find out just how far back the Trudeau pot-smoking story surfaced.

Twitter

@metropicks asked: Dr. Seuss books are coming out in e-editions. Do kids miss out on anything by using an e-reader?

@Canucklehead_ca: Good luck with that e-reader at a book signing! (See also: in direct sunlight.)

@BrianBlatnicki: how do you borrow with e-readers?

@canadiansteph: how can you tell which books are more loved then others? My son's most loved book is torn and bent, and loved:)

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These bros have no trouble letting their problems just lie

New music. The Bros Landreth have released their first full length album, Let it Lie

BACKSTAGE PASS
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The Bros. Landreth is the brainchild of siblings Joey and David Landreth, the sons of veteran Winnipeg musician Wally Landreth. MIKE LATSCHISLAW

Since they were teenagers, Joey and David Landreth have worked as freelance musicians, following in the footsteps of their father, Wally Landreth, a noted Winnipeg songwriter and gun for hire.

Joey, 26, has lent his six-string skills to the likes of Dallas Smith, Steve Bell and country band Doc Walker, while David, 27, provides bass for Romi Mayes, Chris Carmichael and indie-pop group Imaginary Cities.

But now, the sibling sidemen are taking centre stage in The Bros. Landreth.

On Tuesday, the band — which also features drummer Ryan Voth and pianist Alex Campbell — released its first full-length album, Let it Lie.

"The band was born out of necessity," says guitarist/vocalist Joey Landreth. "Dave and I were on the road a ton with couple a different acts and I was just feeling a bit burnt out of playing the same music.

"I called Dave up and said, 'Why don't we do our own thing? We don't have to go crazy, just write some songs and play some coffee shops.' We got together and started writing and before we knew it we had a record, a band and a business account."

Let it Lie was recorded in January and February in Roseisle, Man., with producer Murray Pulver and engineer Don Benedictson. The recording went very smoothly, with no Oasis-style sibling scraps.

"There's no need to walk on egg shells because we're brothers," Joey Landreth says. "We bash heads, shake it off and move on. Actually, there's hardly any arguing. Murray's favourite line when we were doing overdubs was, 'God, you guys fight a lot' because we don't and when we do it lasts for 30 seconds."

Tonight's Let it Lie release party at the West End Cultural Centre promises to be a real family affair with lots of guest appearances — including the Landreth's old man — and Don Voth's (Ryan Voth's dad) prized Hammond B3 organ.

"We're going to find a truck big enough and three dudes strong enough and haul that in," David Landreth says.

"It sounds amazing, just incredible. You should all come to the show just to see Don's organ (laughs)."

The Bros. Landreth plays the West End Cultural Centre tonight. Red Moon Road and Daniel Champagne open.

The show

What you need to know

- **Information.** Tickets are $15 at the WECC, Music Trader, Winnipeg Folk Festival Music Store and Ticketmaster or $20 at the door. Showtime is 8 p.m.

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Multi-faceted Duplass in League of his own

Q&A. Director, actor and self-confessed workaholic talks about the beauty of Pete and staying close to the cast

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News in NYC

Mark Duplass lazing around on The League. HANDOUT

To some, Mark Duplass is a filmmaker specializing in small dramedies like The Puffy Chair, Cyrus and Jeff, Who Lives at Home. To others, he's an actor who plays soulful slacker types in Humpday, Your Sister's Sister and Safety Not Guaranteed. But to most, arguably, he's Pete, the horrifically dude-ish fantasy football addict on The League.

Though the FX show enters its fifth season, Duplass says his character hasn't changed much — which is good.

How do you feel Pete has evolved over the seasons?
Here's the greatest thing about Pete and this show: Pete does not grow up. Every man-child movie or anything you watch, over the course of 90 minutes they learn their lessons and become good people. Pete's kind of a terrible human being. He's super shallow. He's very into fantasy football because he doesn't have very much else going on in his life. He really doesn't change — which I kind of love.

Do you think he'll ever change?
I think Pete's got a shot at beginning self-awareness around 75. But I wouldn't bet on it.

Are there any stray similarities between you and Pete?
No, I'm so different from him. He has this confidence — even if he doesn't work hard, he knows he's going to be fine in the world. I'm deathly afraid of failure and am pretty neurotic and I'm a workaholic because of that. If I don't create projects for myself, nothing will happen.

The cast is mainly comic actors, whereas you and your wife Katie Aselton come from movies.
The films that we've done are dramedies, so we have an appreciation for comedy. You just have to take ego out of it, and make sure you're not trying to be the funniest one in the scene all the time. You're just trying to make the funniest scene you can. And sometimes that's setting somebody else up.

How do you maintain the group rapport, especially with gaps in seasons?
We're all very close friends. Steve (Rannazzisi) just moved back to New York. But the rest of the cast, we all live within two miles of each other. We use Katie's pool as a place where we hang out a lot. We're buds; we just kind of lucked out on this one.

As an actor, what are the challenges of doing TV versus film and hanging onto the same character?
The League is a bit like summer camp. I get to show up and just be an actor and improvise and have fun. And then I walk away. We're not really arcing these characters long-term. We're watching them in their stasis — we're watching their eternal state of man-childishness. The real challenge is trying to stay creatively relevant and stay creatively inspired. The thing that helps us the most with The League is it's an improvised show. We work from outlines, so you can never get to that lazy space where you just memorize your lines and spit them out. You always have to be on your feet; you always have to be paying attention because you never know what's going to happen. It keeps you vital.

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Keeping mum, finding sympathy for the devil

Lydia. Breaking Bad star Laura Fraser on making a "demented," corporate drug trafficker sympathetic and the pain of staying tight-lipped

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Laura Fraser. GETTY IMAGE

Scottish actress Laura Fraser is eager for Breaking Bad fans to finally see the end of the series, which has its finale Sept. 29 — mostly because she's getting tired of keeping her mouth shut about how the whole thing ends.

How much did you know about how things would play out as you were filming the final episodes?
I got to read all the episodes for this season, but while we were shooting them I had no idea. I got the scripts just a few days before, maybe sometimes a week before we shot them. I feel kind of smug right now because I know how it ends.

How much are you allowed to say about it, speaking as obliquely as possible?
Well, it's terrible. It's very hard to do interviews about the show. It's such a secret that you reveal anything under penalty of death. The person the most upset probably wouldn't be the producer of Breaking Bad, it would be the person you told. So I've just been using, you know, metaphors .

You always play Lydia with the sense of constant clenched fear.
Yeah, she's a demented character. I mean, I didn't know how demented she was in the beginning. She seems to vibrate at a very high-pitched frequency. She's constantly in fight-or-flight mode, you know? I feel like she's gone from being rather cold to completely glacial. She's almost like a little Nazi in these last episodes. She keeps surprising me.

The show is so good at making the audience sympathize with people who do horrible things for a living.
Yeah, they're good at that, aren't they? Even with Lydia, you got sympathetic in her first episode, that she didn't beg for her life when Mike put the gun to her head — she had this more interesting response that tells you a lot about her character and that she would fight for her daughter. But other than that I wouldn't say that Lydia's a very sympathetic character, really.

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Miley Cyrus. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Miley's motto: Don't think, just twerk

Miley Cyrus finally spoke out about her much-debated MTV Video Music Awards performance with Robin Thicke.

"I don't pay attention to the negative because I've seen this play out so many times," she tells MTV.com. "Madonna's done it. Britney's done it. Every VMA performance, that's what you're looking for. You're wanting to make history."

That being said, even Cyrus is surprised by how much discussion her twerking has prompted.

"People are still talking about it. They're overthinking it," she says. "You're thinking about it more than I thought about it when I did it. Like, I didn't even think about it because that's just me!"

Twitter

@TomArnold
Is my baby crying in spite of my wife's singing or because of it?

@KChenoweth
Trust me, you can dance. -Wine

@SethMacFarlane
Chilling thought: With all the billions of people on Earth, the odds are very high that right now, someone is watching "Fred Claus."

The Word

There is No Doubt that Stefani is pregnant

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

Gwen Stefani, who never seems to age in spirit or looks, is proving her youthfulness yet again by getting pregnant at 43.

In Touch reports that the singer and husband Gavin Rossdale are expecting their third fabulously dressed offspring sometime soon.

A "source" tells the mag the two "couldn't be happier." If true, baby number three joins brothers Kingston, 7, and Zuma, 4.

Last year, the singer told Marie Claire that she and Rossdale tried for a third but it didn't happen.

"I really, really, really wanted one about two years ago," Stefani said.

"And it didn't really work out. So… I feel good with what we've got. Everything works out how it should. You can't plan anything, right? You can try."

Simon Cowell

Those finger paintings are truly disappointing

Simon Cowell is going to be just fine as a father once girlfriend Laura Silverman gives birth, thank you very much.

"Once I got used to (becoming a father) I did get excited. I think I will be a good dad, so I'm excited," he tells the BBC. "I am good with kids because I like kids. I really do like them and I listen to them."

But that doesn't mean Cowell plans to change any diapers.

"I'm not doing that, 100 per cent absolutely not going near that," he insists.

Calvin Klein

Sorry Beckham, we need someone less famous

To hear Calvin Klein tell it, he couldn't use David Beckham in a series of underwear ads in the U.K. recently because the soccer star was too famous.

"They said, 'You can have him for the rest of the world, but you can't have the U.K. because he's too popular,'" Klein explains to Marc Jacobs in a chat for Interview magazine.

Klein ended up going with retired Swedish soccer star Freddie Ljungberg instead.

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In the tents or on the town

The prospect of sidling up to Lincoln Center in New York or a cocktail party in Soho wearing your most well-worn clothes may not seem like the best idea. But help is at hand, because as these styling tips we've collected from our street style galleries prove, you don't need an endless designer wardrobe to compete during fashion month.

METRO WORLD NEWS

The Pick'n'Mix

A taxi driver once told Garance Dore that he could spot the girls working in fashion by the fact that nothing they wore matched. Pairing Breton stripes with graphic florals and a denim jacket might be unexpected in the civilian world, but in fashion the two go together like Karl Lagerfeld and Chanel. The irreverence that lies behind such a move is obvious. This tip is all about attitude, so whilst there's a fine line between experimental and, well, ugly, you'll exude confidence by daring to work it.

JIMMY CHOO PUMPS, $695 JIMMYCHOO.COM

ROKSANDA ILINCIC TOP, $815, NET-A-PORTER.COM

ROLAND MOURET STRETCH-DOUBLE CREPE PANTS, $905, NET-A-PORTER.COM

The Sweatshirt Effect

Ever since sports-luxe became a fashion noun, sweatshirts have slowly worked their way into the most stylish of wardrobes. Build up a go-to look by teaming a grown-up version with basic skinny jeans and a high-impact accessory such as a statement necklace or a leopard print bag.

CARVEN SWEATER, $271, MY-WARDROBE.COM

RODARTE SWEATER, BROWNSFASHION.COM, $249

MOTHER OF PEARL SWEATER, $355, NET-A-PORTER.COM

The Fashion Pop

By Milan fashion week the impracticality of those huge Balmain shoulders or bandaged JW Anderson sleeves will be hitting home and cravings for a more comfortable look will start to kick in. This fashionista occupied the middle ground at Italy's fashion week with a fashion pop — that one special item that lifts an entire look. In this case it's her unusual jacket that adds a finished twist to an otherwise laid-back ensemble.

ALEXANDER MCQUEEN BELT, $995, ALEXANDERMCQUEEN.COM

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CHARLOTTE OLYMPIA SHOES, $1,200, NET-A-PORTER.COM

The Kit

Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Jessica

American Apparel employee

What she's wearing
Melissa shoes, Silence and Noise shorts, necklace from Urban Outfitters, L.A.M.B. bag and sunglasses from boutique in New York.

Her inspiration
"I dress based on how I feel. Today I wanted to be on vacation so I left my shirt open. I get inspiration from Anna Dello Russo, Stella McCartney and Marc Jacobs."

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Deborah Fulsang, TheKit.ca

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Bellissima! Pasta Primavera minus the pesky carbohydrates

The most delicious and satisfying meals are often the simplest. This flavourful favourite is bound to sweep you away. Make it your very own low-carb staple. Enjoy with a glass of biodynamic red wine, if you wish.

1. Noodles: Slice zucchini in thirds, then spiralize (by using a potato peeler) into thin noodles. Set in colander to drain. (Once zucchini noodles are mixed with sauce, they will release a lot of water, making them soggy. Drain spiralized noodles in a colander, sprinkled with a little salt, before adding sauce. Or pat zucchini between paper towels to pull out some of the excess moisture.)

2. Primavera Sauce: In a blender, blend tomatoes, red pepper, and garlic. Add remainder of sauce ingredients and blend until well mixed. Spoon over noodles and sprinkle with black pepper, basil, and 2 to 3 tablespoons of Pine Nut Parma (optional).

3. Pine Nut Parma: In a food processor, chop nuts to a fine meal (or finely chop by hand). Add salt, onion powder, and yeast and pulse until crumbly. Parma will keep in refrigerator for 1 month. **RECIPES PRINTED WITH PERMISSION FROM THE SIMPLYRAW KITCHEN BY NATASHA KYSSA**

Ingredients

Noodles
- 6 medium zucchinis, peeled

Primavera Sauce
- 4 medium Roma tomatoes, chopped
- 1 cup (250 ml) chopped red bell peppers
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1 cup (250 ml) sun-dried tomatoes, soaked for 30 minutes
- 2 tbsp pitted Kalamata olives
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 2 pitted Medjool dates or 1 tbsp maple syrup
- 2 tsp onion powder
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp Italian seasoning
- 3 tbsp minced fresh basil leaves
- 1 tbsp minced fresh oregano leaves
- 1 tbsp gluten-free tamari
- 1/8 tsp freshly ground black pepper
- cayenne pepper, to taste
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh basil, for garnish

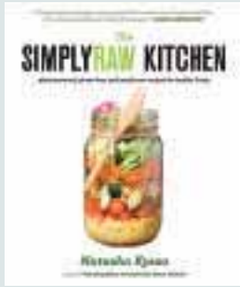
Pine Nut Parma
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) dry pine nuts
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) dry cashews
- 1/8 tsp Himalayan salt
- 1/2 tsp onion powder
- 2 tbsp nutritional yeast (optional)

Pasta Primavera

This recipe serves four. PRINTED WITH PERMISSION FROM THE SIMPLYRAW KITCHEN BY NATASHA KYSSA

Cookbook of the Week

Raw made easy



Promoting a balanced, flexible diet based on gluten-free and toxin-free plant foods can be easy and delicious. Natasha Kyssa sets out to prove this in her book The SimplyRaw Kitchen.

Through 134 recipes the book features a guide to the lifestyle that's easy to follow and accessible.

Among the delicious raw dishes in The SimplyRaw Kitchen are Spicy Thai Salad, Spinach and Mushroom Dip, Soft Taco Verde, Romanian Cabbage Rolls, Corn and Bean Skillet and more. **METRO**

Lemons and strawberries mingle in tasty 'cheezecake'

Flip the bottom of your removable springform pan upside down before filling with crust. PRINTED WITH PERMISSION FROM THE SIMPLYRAW KITCHEN BY NATASHA KYSSA

Impress your friends — whether or not they're raw foodists — with this rich and refreshing cheezecake.

It can be made in advance and frozen for a few weeks.

The jam is optional but provides a lovely garnish. With or without jam, this zesty cake is a winner!

1. Crust: In a food processor, process almonds with salt until it forms a fine flour. Add remainder of crust ingredients and process until mixture starts to stick together. Press into an 8-inch (20-cm) springform pan. Refrigerate while making the filling.

2. Filling: In a blender, process cashews with lemon juice, lemon zest, maple syrup, vanilla extract and salt until smooth. Add coconut oil and blend again. Pour over crust. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours before serving. It also freezes well.

3. Strawberry Jam: In a blender, blend all jam ingredients until smooth. Store in a squeeze bottle and drizzle onto cheesecake or beside a slice of it on a plate.

Ingredients

Crust
- 1 1/2 cups dry almonds
- dash Himalayan salt
- 2 tbsp shredded coconut
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) packed, pitted Medjool dates
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

Filling
- 3 cups (750 ml) cashews, soaked for 30 minutes or more
- 1 cup (250 ml) lemon juice
- zest of 1 lemon
- 3/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 tbsp vanilla extract
- dash Himalayan salt
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) melted coconut oil

Strawberry Jam
- 2 cups (500 ml) fresh or frozen strawberries
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) pitted Medjool dates
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tbsp psyllium powder

Lunch. Real Tomato Soup

Delicious, satisfying and nostalgic — after making this you will never buy tomato soup in a can again!

Tamari is a "cooked" food. A naturally fermented soy sauce that contains no preservatives or sugar, it adds a rich and salty flavour to dishes (you may choose to use a reduced-sodium variety).

Most tamari contains wheat, so look for gluten-free.

1. In a blender, process tomatoes, bell peppers, hemp seeds, lime juice, miso, tamari, avocado and maple syrup. Season to taste and garnish with chives.

Ingredients
- 4 large tomatoes, chopped
- 2 red bell peppers, chopped
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) hemp seeds
- 2 tbsp lime juice
- 1 tbsp light miso
- 2 tbsp gluten-free tamari
- 1/2 avocado, chopped
- 1 tbsp maple syrup or a few drops stevia (optional)
- dash Himalayan salt, to taste
- dash freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 tbsp chopped chives, for garnish (optional)

Film festival decorating on a budget

As the Toronto International Film Festival ramps up for another run and my love for The Great Gatsby movie lingers on, I thought it would be nice to pay homage by adding some art deco glam into my home. From walking the red carpet to creating sparkle and shine, there are lots of on-trend home decor accessories to help you feel like the VIPs when coming home from a night at the movies.

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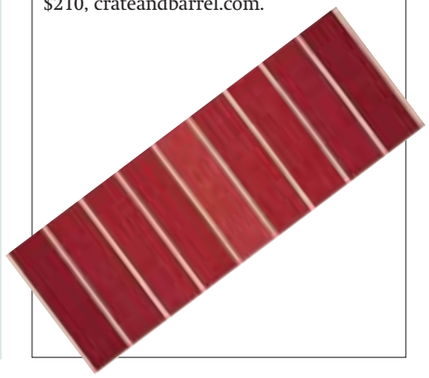
Placemat

Layer on the dining table for instant sparkle at your next dinner party or place one under a crystal lamp to dress up an end table. Urban Beaded Placemat, $12.50, simons.ca.

Runner

Feel like a VIP when you walk through the front door with your very own red carpet. Bold Stripe Red Floor Runner, $210, crateandbarrel.com.



Bathroom tray

Display your perfume bottles or soap in true '20s Hollywood style. Polished Nickel Accessory Tray, $21, sears.ca.

Chandelier

Inject Hollywood glamour to a foyer or bedroom with the drama of sleek black. Concerto Six-Light Black Lucite Chandelier, $179, homedepot.ca.

Beaded pillow

Add the sparkle of French gold to a neutral sofa or chair. Beaded Lombar Pillow Cover, $59, zarahome.com.

Drink cart

Perfect for holding towels in the bath or bottles on the terrace. Chrome and glass looks great in any decor. Ernst Chrome Bar, $199, cb2.com.

Mirrored chest

Place beside the bed, in a foyer or as a bar cabinet in the dining room; mirror always adds a lux-touch. Glamour Bedside Mirrored Chest, $699, bombay.ca.

Champagne glasses

At this price buy a case; its cheaper than renting. Glass Champagne Flutes, $2, dollarama.com.

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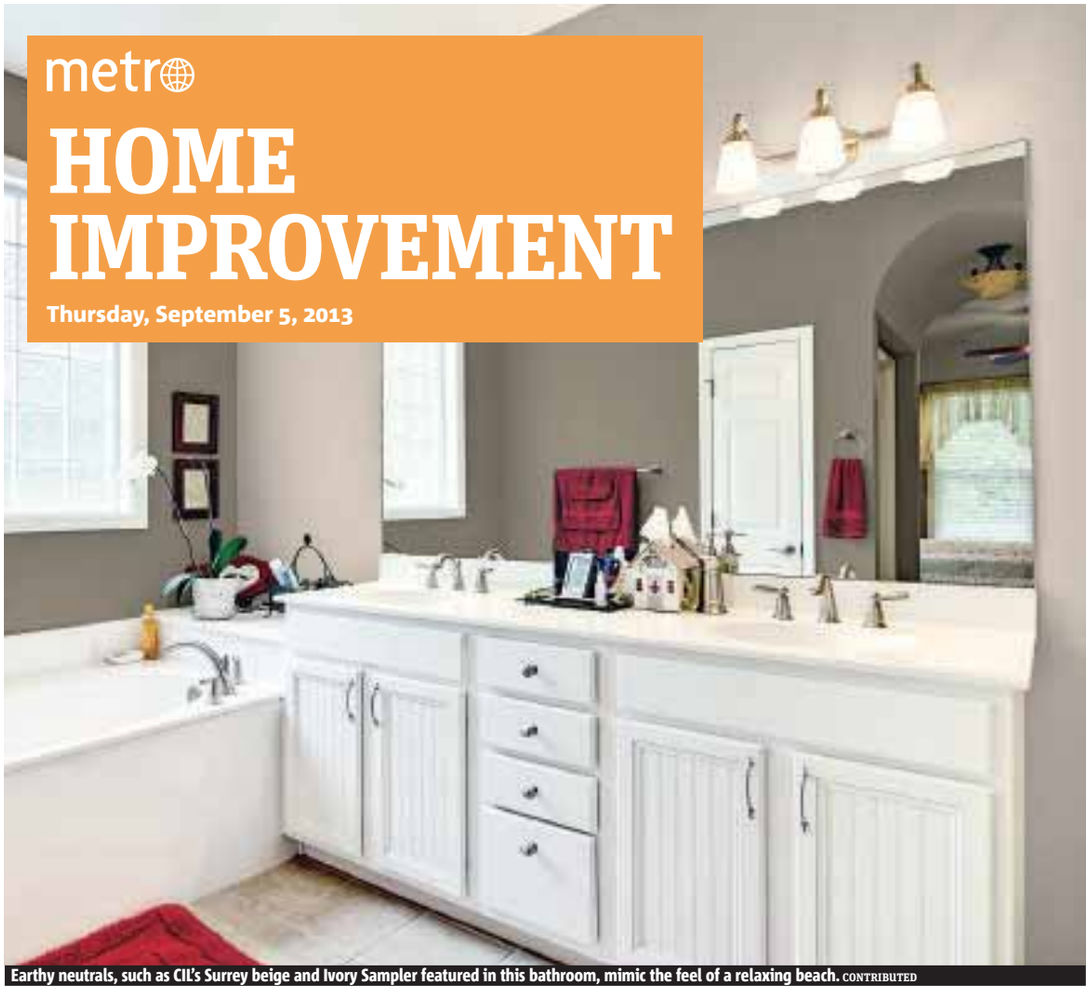

Earthy neutrals, such as CIL's Surrey beige and Ivory Sampler featured in this bathroom, mimic the feel of a relaxing beach. CONTRIBUTED

A mix of grey and sand colours, such as CIL's Granite grey and Bamboo Shoot pictured in this bathroom, creates a serene ambience. CONTRIBUTED

A spa-like effect can be achieved in a bathroom using richer mid-tones, such as CIL's Sonata mauve and English Meadows green. CONTRIBUTED

Escape to a serene bathroom

Looking for a calming getaway at the end of the day? A serene bathroom is the way to go.

So says leading paint brand CIL paint, which launched a Pinterest bathroom contest called My Search for Serenity to discover what decor items Canadians associate with serenity, and share ideas to create a bathroom refuge.

"Like it or not, everyone spends a fair amount of time in the bathroom," says Alison Goldman, brand manager for CIL. "It's the perfect opportunity to be alone, recharge and emerge refreshed. And how much more so when the space is designed to maximize relaxation?"

How do you create serenity in a bathroom? Goldman offers the following advice:

Flush away clutter: It's easy for toiletries to pile up, especially in shared bathrooms. To create a truly calming retreat, remove all visual distractions such as countertop clutter, crowded open shelving and busy wall displays. Invest in storage units or decorative boxes to stow away health and beauty products, and help reduce stress levels. Use open shelving and cabinets for accessories like potted plants, scented candles, or fresh linens and towels. Complete the decor with one or two soft watercolour paintings featuring calming scenes.

Splash on colour: Sand and sea tones like ocean blues and earthy neutrals are good choices for a bathroom since they mimic the feel of a relaxing beach. With less wall space than other rooms, bathrooms are a perfect place to try deeper shades of colour, especially medium tones that deliver a spa-like effect. Monochromatic tone-on-tone colour schemes also help create a cosy oasis. The look can be brightened up with colourful towels, fresh flowers and accessories.

Unplug your imagination: To truly unwind, model your bathroom after your own personal happy place. Draw inspiration from a favourite travel destination, whether that be a tropical paradise, a cosy ski chalet or even your own backyard. Choose colours and accessories reminiscent of those memories. Even scents can be revived through a display of decorative soaps and lotions.

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A patio for all seasons

For warmth and ambiance, consider an outdoor fireplace, fire pit, or chiminea if you want to use a patio throughout the year. CONTRIBUTED

Do you love being outdoors? Then why limit your outside time to the all-too-short summer months? With a few simple changes you can transform your outdoor living space to a year-round oasis.

Your first step is to decide on the space you want to use throughout the year. It may be a deck, porch, freestanding patio, gazebo, or lawn. This is the space you need to enclose.

Screens and sunshades will protect you from insects and sun, but if you want year-round protection, you will need to add some type of roof. An outdoor roof can be corrugated metal, corrugated Plexiglas, wood, or other weather-resistant material. Clear or frosted materials are good choices if you are concerned the roof will make the interior of the house too dark. Choose a roof style that matches or complements your home.

Walls add another level of protection. Removable walls and retractable roof coverings provide maximum flexibility throughout the seasons.

Another important aspect to consider is the choice of furniture material. The design of your enclosed outdoor area and your lifestyle will determine how often your furniture will be exposed to sunlight, rain and temperature fluctuations. No matter how extreme the conditions are, synthetic wicker seems to be the best choice since it is comfortable, stylish, and designed to withstand the harshest climates.

Provide heat

When the leaves start to fall it and becomes too cold to sit outside comfortably without heat you have a number of heating options.

Freestanding patio heaters and wall- or ceiling-mounted heaters are the easiest and most practical heat sources. Freestanding heaters are portable, but they take up space and can tip over. You can't move mounted heaters, but they do not take up floor space and will not tip over.

For warmth and ambiance, consider an outdoor fireplace, fire pit, or chiminea. If you like to watch the fire glow, a fireplace or fire pit may be your best choice. On the other hand, chimineas give off the most heat because the design allows for more air in which to be drawn.

Add lighting

As with heating, lighting serves both practical and aesthetic purposes. Each type of light has a different function, and a combination is often the most effective.

Floodlights have broad beams that light up surfaces. Use low wattage bulbs (100 watts or less) and try to hide the receptacles.

Spotlights are for accent only; use them sparingly to highlight a feature, such as a piece of sculpture or a fountain. Make sure spots do not shine in anyone's eyes (including your neighbours') and hide the receptacles.

Place path lighting fixtures at key points to make walking safer. Mushroom-shaped lights direct light to the ground, making them very effective. Solar path lights work great and save money. COURTESY COMFREE.COM

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Nailing down the right career choice is always a challenge.

Enrol in the carpentry program at Winnipeg Technical College and learn the industry from the ground up.

"WTC's carpentry program is an excellent way to get into the construction industry," say Rae-Lynn Rempel, manager, marketing and communications, Winnipeg Technical College.

Whether you are looking to enter the construction trade for the first time, looking to change your career, or just looking for expertise when it comes to your own home renovations or new home builds, this five-month program will provide you with those essential applied skills.

The applied skills within the carpentry program are what students enjoy most. The practical applications have students building an RTM house on-site at the college each year. Through this experience, they are able to see and understand how the process works from start to finish.

A combination of these applied skills and the theory-based curriculum leads students to a Level 1 apprenticeship accreditation upon graduation. This accreditation sets a solid foundation for their construction career. The starting salary for students graduating from this program is $15 per hour.

Whatever your educational goals may be, this program will get you there in five months. The program has two start dates during the year — one in September and one in February — allowing students the opportunity to choose their own educational schedule.

For more, visit wtc.mb.ca.

Bombers consider new pivot prospect

CFL. QB Levi Brown joins struggling team; outside help being considered for defence

It has the look of training camp at Investors Group Field as the Winnipeg Blue Bombers try out new prospects to help turn around their disappointing season.

On Wednesday, there were five quarterbacks throwing passes, including newly signed Levi Brown, who spent last season with the Saskatchewan Roughriders. The day before, the Bombers (1-8) looked at some defensive players in a private, closed practice.

"He (Brown) was recommended highly to us so we thought we'd bring him in and take a look at him," said Bombers coach Tim Burke. "Depending on what happens with our quarterbacks, you know if somebody gets hurt, he's there for us.

"If nobody gets hurt, then potentially send him back home and bring him back."

Brown was a 2010 seventh-round draft pick of the Buffalo Bills. He saw action in the NFL club's final regular-season game as a rookie, completing two of three passes for 24 yards.

The 26-year-old from Mount Juliet, Tenn., spent the following season on the Bills' practice roster before getting a tryout with the Roughriders.

"It's always good to get another shot," Brown said after practice. "It didn't work out for me in Saskatchewan so I'm glad to be here Winnipeg."

Burke said Brown worked out for the Bombers on Tuesday along with the defensive players.

"We had five guys, worked them out," he said. "We had one corner, one free safety/Will-type guy, two defensive ends and then Levi.

"We look to sign one or two of those guys here."

Burke has said if Winnipeg's secondary doesn't improve its play, changes will be made. In particular, he's targeted the unit's failure to cope well with man coverage.

Burke made it clear Wednesday he's talking more about veterans and not rookies, who he is cutting more slack following Winnipeg's 48-25 loss to Saskatchewan (8-1) on Sunday.

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Goltz getting the start

Quarterback Justin Goltz will start again against Saskatchewan. Goltz was 18 of 29 passing for 182 yards and two interceptions Sunday but also ran five times for 73 yards and two TDs.

- Burke said while Goltz made mistakes, he saw growth in the 26-year-old quarterback.
- "I think we all felt Justin played extremely well for the first three quarters," Burke said.

Levi Brown scrambles during a 2011 pre-season game for the Buffalo Bills. The quarterback has been signed by the Blue Bombers. GETTY IMAGES

CFL

Stampeders peg Mitchell as starter

All signs point to Bo Levi Mitchell being Calgary's starter Friday against the Edmonton Eskimos, although the best term to describe the Stampeders' quarterback situation this season is fluid.

Head coach and general manager John Hufnagel indicated the order of selection on his quarterback depth chart is Mitchell, Drew Tate and Kevin Glenn. But he cautioned that could change prior to the Labour Day rematch in Edmonton.

"If we had to play today, Bo would be No. 1, Drew would be No. 2 and Kevin would be No. 3," Hufnagel said Wednesday.

Glenn started but Mitchell finished Monday's 37-34 win over Edmonton at McMahon Stadium. Calgary led 37-7 in the fourth quarter before Edmonton rallied to score 27 straight points and make a game of it.

Mitchell completed 11 of 18 passes for 225 yards and two touchdowns in relief of Glenn, who left in the second quarter with a bruised knee.

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U.S. Open

Azarenka cruises into semifinals

Second-seeded Victoria Azarenka moved a win away from a possible showdown in the U.S. Open finals with Serena Williams, topping Daniela Hantuchova 6-2, 6-3 on Wednesday in the quarterfinals.

Azarenka has beaten top-seeded Williams twice this year, including last month in the final of a tuneup tournament in Cincinnati. Last year, Williams topped Azarenka in three sets for her fourth title at Flushing Meadows.

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Athletics

Bolt ready to pump brakes after Rio

Usain Bolt plans to retire after the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

Usain Bolt
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Bolt said Wednesday he wants to win more gold in Rio, set another world record in the 200 metres in 2014 and perhaps win gold at the Commonwealth Games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No funny stuff here

"I would think it's going to be all business."

Former Montreal Alouettes bench boss Marc Trestman on making his NFL head-coaching debut with the Chicago Bears on Sunday. After years as an assistant in the NFL and on the college level before heading to the CFL, Trestman finally has his opportunity.

NFL. RGIII about to let things slide

Michael Vick says it's taken him 10 years to learn when to slide. Robert Griffin III figures he'll have it down pat just a few days from now.

"Monday night," the Washington Redskins quarterback said Wednesday, adding a big smile as he spoke to reporters. "I mean, you guys have been talking to me about it for eight months. I think it's ingrained in my head now. I'll be getting down on Monday night."

After eight months of rehab on his reconstructed right knee, it's finally all-systems-go for Griffin to play in the prime-time Week 1 opener against Vick and the Philadelphia Eagles. Griffin said there's a chance he could be even more emotional than when he made his NFL debut a year ago. His stated goal: "Play like you were never gone."

Quoted

"Bottom line is I'm ready to go."

Robert Griffin III says he has no concerns about his surgically repaired knee

But not necessarily play the same. This is the second time Griffin has returned from major knee surgery. He said the first time around, after he was hurt playing for Baylor in 2009, was "a lot more scary" because he didn't know if it would be his old self again. When he did return, he didn't change how he played.

This time, he says he will. After missing all or part of four games in his rookie NFL season because of injuries, he almost has to. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
No one in their right mind would knowingly annoy you so likely the reason a colleague is being such a pain today is because they are stupid rather than hateful. Don't hit back.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You like a challenge and that's just as well as the challenges now coming your way will be bigger than anything you have faced before. You will enjoy showing the world what a dynamic Taurus you are.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You may come in for criticism today but no way will you take it lying down. The more others bark at you, the more you will bark back. You may not be the biggest beast on the block but you are the loudest.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Whatever you start over the next 24 hours you must see through to completion, so make sure it is what you really want to be doing. If you are still undecided then forget it.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Today's new moon will encourage you to believe that you can do more in your career and that you can turn your talents into hard cash. Remember: If a job is worth doing it is worth getting well paid for.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Today's new moon in your sign means you are capable of feats that ordinary mortals cannot compete with. But don't do things to impress. Do them to further your ambitions.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
People are not blocking your way deliberately, although it may seem like it. Look at your own state of mind. It will tell you more than what partners or co-workers are up to.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
What you gain will be more important than what you lose today, so don't try to hang on to what is clearly moving away from you. Life is an eternal revolving circle — enjoy the ride.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
If you start something new today, your name will soon be in lights. The new moon means you have the vision, and the confidence, to make a success of whatever you are planning.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
What happens over the next 24 hours will make it clear that a more positive cycle is starting. You don't have to do anything special but you do have to be ready to travel quickly.

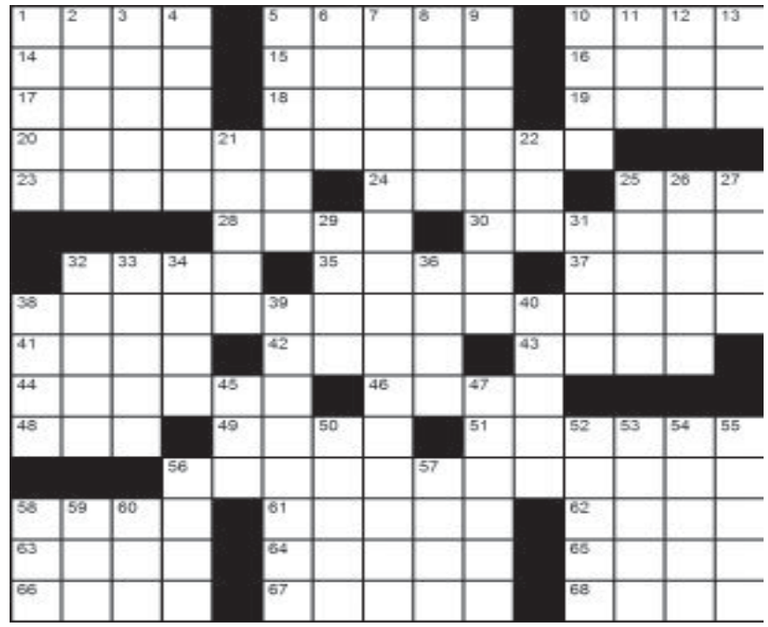
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If you have financial issues to deal with, now is the ideal time to get serious about them. The new moon will inspire you to knuckle down and find solutions to problems that others have given up on.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You cannot afford to be soft or sentimental. Cosmic activity in your opposite sign demands that you see things, relationships especially, as they are, not as you wish they might be. Be tough with others but more so with yourself. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



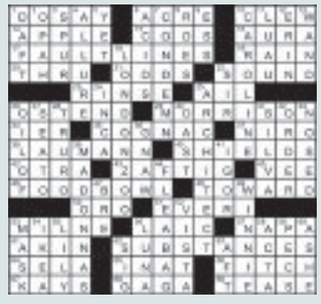
Across

1. Annoyed state
5. Daniel __, Robinson Crusoe author
10. Cape Canaveral org.
14. Culture medium
15. Ring-shaped coral island with a lagoon in the middle
16. Amazes
17. Trojan princess in Mozart's opera Idomeneo
18. 'R' of US state RI
19. Slowly advance
20. tiff. = Toronto International __ __
23. Maintain, as an opinion
24. Necklace bit
25. Slalom
28. Dubuque's locale
30. Wobble
32. Used a loom
35. Singer style
37. Annoy
38. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is on them: 3 wds.
41. Roll _ __ (Have one's turn in board game playing)
42. Plane crash investigation agcy.
43. Depend on
44. Movie legend Marilyn (b.1926 - d.1962)
46. __ _ hat for the lady (Be gentlemanly)
48. Meadow mom
49. __ collar
51. Media company acquired by Bell
56. Canada Post business: 2 wds.
58. "Whoopee!"
61. Easily duped
62. Perceived
63. Canadian actor Mr. Cronyn, star of the flick at #57-Down
64. Decorative pin holders
65. Actress, __ Rachel Wood
66. Russian city
67. Convened again
68. Prefix to 'phone'

Down

1. Seaport of Israel
2. Citrus hybrids
3. Gets an F on
4. Set up
5. __ __ be different (Nonconformist's credo)
6. Shakespearean suffixes
7. Where to attend a CFL game: 2 wds.
8. Musical blast from the past
9. "Love in an __" by Aerosmith
10. Painting holder
11. Barley bristle
12. "Hey! Hold on a __!"
13. Volcanic eruption stuff
21. Used a pan
22. Fruit drink
25. Motionless
26. __ green
27. Furies
29. Mr. Disney
31. __ Canal
32. Franz Lehar operetta, The Merry __
33. Sheep-like
34. Sharply turn
36. __ International (Canadian womenswear chain, once)
38. Renown
39. Stand-up's quick joke
40. Enforcer in "The Godfather" (1972), Luca __
45. Chance __ _ lifetime
47. Most faint
50. Uplift
52. Clicker-holder's target: 2 wds.
53. Actor Christopher
54. "He's _ __ Nowhere Man..." - The Beatles
55. Jeff of ELO
56. Docile
57. "A Letter for __" (1946)
58. British Sci-Fi series, "Doctor __"
59. Sing wordlessly
60. First aid team [acronym]

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

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